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| <b>Interview Summary</b> | Application No.<br><b>09/476,521</b> | Applicant(s)<br><b>GROPP et al.</b> |  |
|                          | Examiner<br><b>Luong</b>             | Art Unit<br><b>3682</b>             |  |

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Luong

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(2) Horst M. Kasper

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Date of Interview 8/20/02

Type: a) Telephonic      b) Video Conference  
 c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes      e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1-16

Identification of prior art discussed:

Seim et al. and Mettler-Friedli

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

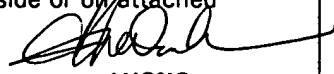
The examiner suggested: (1) to file a divisional application for method claim; (2) to file an affidavit to show the unexpected results (secondary evidence or consideration) regarding bending tensions, torque tensions, tribocorrosion, and load capacity, etc. of the claimed invention relative to the prior art; and (3) not to introduce new matter in the drawing correction.

The affidavit of the inventor would be favorably considered since the inventor is a member of the Seim et al. group.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

  
**LUONG**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**  
**ART UNIT 3682**

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required